

Department of Music and Dance
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Five College Dance Department

Announces a Tenure-track Position in:

MODERN DANCE

Position: Modern Dance

Rank: Assistant Professor, tenure-track.

Salary: Commensurate with Assistant Professor Rank.

Qualifications: Masters degree or equivalent professional experience required, MFA preferred. Proven excellence in the teaching of all levels of modern dance; prior college-level teaching experience is preferred. Proven excellence in choreographing contemporary dances, and/or reconstructing works of modern dance choreographers, as well as experience and interest in inter-arts and interdisciplinary collaboration. Must be able to teach composition, and at least two of the following theory courses: anatomy/kinesiology for dance, dance history, dance production, or dance education. Will be expected to have strong interpersonal and communication skills; computer/technology skills also desirable. Preference will be given to candidates whose teaching, creative research or service demonstrates a commitment to diversity in higher education.

Responsibilities: Teach all levels of modern dance; teach theory courses in area of expertise; choreograph on students for department concerts; produce, advise, coordinate department concerts; advise students; attend both UM and FCDD (Five College Dance Department) concerts, meetings, and special events; serve on university and five-college committees; and actively contribute to the life of both the UM Department, College and University, and the FCDD, throughout the academic year. Other teaching and non-teaching assignments will be determined by the needs of the Department and the qualifications of the applicant. Maintain an active professional career, and a national profile, commensurate with a tenure track position.

The University Dance program offers B.F.A. and B.A. programs in dance. It is the only B.F.A. program in the state universities in New England. Located in the beautiful Pioneer Valley in Western Massachusetts, the University is 90 miles from Boston and 150 miles from New York City. The dance program is part of the University's Department of Music and Dance, and an active part of the Five College Dance Department, which includes the dance programs at Amherst, Smith, Hampshire, and Mount Holyoke Colleges.

Review of applications began on October 21, 2011 and will continue until the position is filled.

Candidates should send a letter of application with a statement of teaching and choreographic interests, curriculum vitae (including e-mail address), three letters of recommendation (at least two of which speak to teaching expertise), and a DVD of choreography and teaching to:

Professor Billbob Brown, Chair
Modern Dance Search Committee
Dance Program
Department of Music and Dance
University of Massachusetts Amherst
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30 Eastman Lane
Amherst, MA 01003

Please note: Application materials will not be returned. Position begins September 1, 2012. The Department is committed to developing a more diverse faculty, student body, and curriculum. UMass Amherst is a member of the Five College Consortium along with Amherst, Smith, Hampshire, and Mount Holyoke Colleges, and is also a member of the Academic Career Network, a resource for dual career couples. The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and members of minority groups are encouraged to apply.